

HEDGING AND OUTLINING

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I. Drag and complete the outline.

Formal Outline: Animal Intelligence and Human Help

I. Comparing Clever Hans and Seizure Alert Dogs

- A. Skills acquired without human help
 - i. No one has figured out how to train a "raw" dog to predict seizures
 - ii. _____
- B. Sign of superior intelligence
 - i. Comparing these animals to humans who show unique talents

II. Defining Intelligence in Animals

- A. Moving beyond physical senses (Perception)
 - i. Recognizing signs of an impending seizure
 - ii. _____
- B. The Author's Definition of Intelligence
 - i. Using built-in perceptual and cognitive skills
 - ii. _____

To achieve useful and sometimes remarkable goals.

Deciding to do something about the signs.

Dogs are rewarded for helping and then self-learn to identify early signs.

II. Mark T (true) or F (false) about hedging

- ____ Authors use hedging when they are 100 percent certain that their information is supported by scientific facts.
- ____ Words like "might," "possibly," and "perhaps" are common examples of hedging vocabulary.
- ____ The presence of a word like "suggest" or "think" always indicates that an author is hedging, regardless of the context.
- ____ Stating that an idea is the opinion of someone else is a method authors use to hedge.
- ____ Recognizing hedging language is important because it shows when an author is not entirely sure of the information they are writing.

